

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1

Members: Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2
Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4
Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5
Mrs. Judy C. Mims, District No. 6
Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr. District No. 7
Mr. Henry L. Richardson, District No. 8
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on Monday, May 13, 2002, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Milton Farley, Council Member District No. 1, Chairman; Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Council Member District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Council Member District No. 8; Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Council Member District No 2, and Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio; were excused from this meeting.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and copy of Agenda of this Committee meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Council Members, the media, and all interested citizens.

Chairman Farley called the meeting to order and asked the Committee's pleasure on the Approval of Minutes for March 18, 2002.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Vaughn to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Farley stated that first on the agenda was H. Wayne DeWitt, Berkeley County Sheriff, Re: Transfer of funds within department.

Sheriff DeWitt stated this transfer deals with salaries and is money that had already been appropriated in this year's budget. He stated he is requesting to transfer \$15,000 from the salary line item to temporary employees, which are the transport officers; and \$3,000 from regular salaries into Student interns for a total of \$18,000. No additional funds are required.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Pinckney to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$18,000. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Sheriff DeWitt stated he had another matter that dealt with the Victim's Assistant Coordinator; the position has been upgraded to an LE3. This upgrade changed her from the South Carolina Retirement System to the South Carolina Police Officer's Retirement. The money is in the budget, which would be paid into the retirement for the next fiscal year. However, he was requesting an additional \$81.53 to make it through the rest of this year.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Richardson to grant the request in the amount of \$81.53 to be paid into the Police Retirement System for the rest of this fiscal year. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Sheriff DeWitt stated that without objection he had two other matters that he would like to present. There was no objection.

Sheriff DeWitt stated they were abiding by a court order from the Supreme Court Justice, Jean Toal for Court Security, slots that Council approved. He stated he transferred a jail employee he used in that position before they actually allotted these two slots. Once it was approved he filled the slot but found out the new position paid her \$860 a year more in salary. That is also in the budget for the next fiscal year but to make it through the next two pay periods of this year he would need \$79.96 to come from Contingency.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Vaughn to approve the request as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Sheriff DeWitt stated the Chief Deputy Herod retired April 29, which allowed him to make several promotions within the department. Major Butch Henerey was promoted to Chief Deputy; and Captain Ricky Driggers was promoted to major filling the slot of Butch Henerey. With Human Resources' set up he would get a three percent salary increase. However, with Chief Herod's leaving there was a difference of \$6,572.00 in the salary line item. He is asking that the \$6,572.00 be divided among three employees as follows: \$2000 to Chief Deputy Claude W. (Butch) Henerey; \$2,000 to Major Richard (Ricky) Driggers; and \$2,572.00 to Sharyn Howell, Administrator. Sheriff DeWitt stated this was also included in next year's budget.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Mims to approve the request as presented by Sheriff DeWitt. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Next on the agenda was Mary P. Brown, Berkeley County Clerk of Court, Re: Request for additional funds for postage.

Ms. Brown stated she was requesting \$12,000 for postage shortage. She stated she requested \$50,148.00 last year; \$38,000 was appropriated and she had informed Council that she would be back to ask for additional postage. They have been trying to work through e-mails for the dockets but it has to be approved by the Supreme Court.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Mims to approve the request in the amount of \$12,000 for postage to come from Contingency for the Clerk of Court. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Farley stated that next on the agenda was Judge Elizabeth Harper, Berkeley County Summary Courts, Re: Transfer of funds within department.

Judge Harper stated she was asking for a transfer into the Temporary Employee funds; and she has \$3,196.80 in another line item that it could be transferred from.

It was moved by Councilmember Richardson and seconded by Councilmember Pinckney to approve the transfer. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Judge Harper stated that without objection she would like to present another item. There was no objection.

Judge Harper stated her Postage line item 5388, was also running low and she would like to transfer \$3,000 from line item 5405, Computer Software, which should carry her through the end of the year.

It was moved by Councilmember Richardson and seconded by Councilmember Vaughn to approve the transfer of \$3,000 from line item 5405, Computer Software, to line item 5388, Postage. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Next on the agenda was Ms. Pamela Powell, Administrative Services Director, Re: Transfer of funds within Department.

Ms. Powell stated the Emergency Telephone System's Communications line item has been depleted. This money comes from the 911 Subscriber fees/telephone bills. She stated that Bell South did a true-up in December, which allotted for \$22,000 a month in previous revenues, plus an additional \$2,500 a month in increases. She stated that she needs a total of \$36,200 transferred from the Emergency Communications, which is the 911-fee money to get through the rest the year.

It was moved by Councilmember Mims and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the transfer as presented.

Councilmember Crosby asked for an explanation for Bell South's additional fee. Ms. Powell stated Bell South had done this about three years ago where they go back and do a true-up, and it had not been adjusted until December, 2001. They count the subscribers and base the 911-telephone bill on the number of calls and lines coming in; and it also includes the complete database. Ms. Powell stated that in her conversation with them, they indicated they would do true-ups to begin on July 1 to match County budget cycles. This had happened in October when the budget was already approved; this year they didn't do it until December and there was no warning. She stated subscribers pay \$.60 per telephone line in their homes. It's based on the population and not on the number of calls coming in.

Upon call for the vote, the motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Councilmember Vaughn and seconded by Councilmember Crosby to adjourn. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

June 17, 2002
Date Approved

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A meeting of the COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on Monday May 13, 2002, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, following the meeting of the Committee on Finance at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 18, 2002

- A. H. Wayne Dewitt, Berkeley County Sheriff, Re: Transfer of funds within department.
- B. Ms. Mary P. Brown, Berkeley County Clerk of Court, Re: Request for additional funds for postage.
- C. Judge Elizabeth Harper, Berkeley County Summary Courts, Re: Transfer of funds within department.
- D. Ms. Pamela Powell, Administrative Services Director, Re: Transfer of funds within Department.

May 8, 2002
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council